

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A test field system, including at least one test strip with a test field, and a measuring device having a test strip receiver for measuring the test field, the test strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for holding the test strip inserted in the strip receiver so that at least a section of the test strip containing the test field is held in a definite position relative to the support surface, the test field system comprising the strip receiver having two holding means spaced from one another on edge areas of the support surface for holding fast associated edges of the test strip substantially adjacent the support surface, the support surface in a middle area between the holding means defining a projection extending outwardly from the support surface adjacent a measuring opening therein, the projection defining a surface vertically displaced from the edge areas such that the test field of a test strip inserted in the test strip receiver is supported by the surface of the projection and is spaced apart from the support surface and the measuring opening therein.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A test strip system, including at least one flexible test strip with a test field, and a measuring device for measuring the test field, the measuring device having a strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for securing the position of the test strip inserted into the strip receiver so that at least one section of the test strip containing the test field is held at a definite position relative to the support surface, the test strip system comprising the test strip receiver having an outer insertion end and an inner end, a spring arm extending outwardly from the support surface toward the inner end of the strip receiver that is elastically deflectable in a direction toward the support surface, and a counter-pressure surface overlying the spring arm and spaced apart therefrom, the counter-pressure surface extending generally parallel to the direction

of the spring arm, ~~wherein the spring arm defining a surface for carrying an end portion of a test strip inserted in the strip receiver such that, during insertion of the test strip into the strip receiver, the end portion of the test strip rides on the spring arm moving between the spring arm and the counter-pressure surface thereby bending away from the support surface and towards the counter-pressure surface, the spring arm further including a detent engageable with the test strip for engages an end portion of the test strip inserted in the strip receiver urging the test strip against the counter pressure surface thereby securing the position of the test strip relative to the strip receiver.~~

14. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 13, wherein the ~~detent spring arm~~ includes a detent projection for reception in a detent recess defined by the test strip.

15. (Currently amended) A test strip system including a test strip with a test field, and a measuring device for measuring the test strip, the measuring device having a test strip receiver including a support surface for the test strip and positioning means for securing the position of the test strip inserted in the strip receiver such that at least a portion of the test strip containing the test field assumes a definite position relative to the support surface, the test strip system comprising a pivotal clamping lever ~~overlying the support surface and supported for a moment about an axis parallel to the support surface, the clamping lever including a two-armed lever having an actuator arm at one end thereof and a clamping arm at an opposing end, the actuator arm and clamping arm being angularly offset one to the other, the clamping lever positioned overlying the support surface and supported for pivotal movement about an axis disposed parallel to the support surface and located between the actuator arm and clamping arm, the a-clamping arm biased toward the support surface and engageable with a surface of the test strip opposite the support surface for securing the position of the test strip relative to the support surface, the actuator arm being operable for movement towards the support surface for insertion and removal of a test strip into the test strip receiver between the clamping arm and the support surface.~~

16. (Currently amended) A test strip system according to Claim 15, further characterized in that the clamping arm has a detent projection for reception in a detent recess defined~~recess defined~~ by the test strip.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 15, wherein the clamping arm defines a groove in a surface thereof facing the support surface for guiding the test strip during insertion thereof in the strip receiver.

20. (Previously presented) A test strip system according to Claim 19, wherein the clamping arm further comprises opposing edge flanges adjacent the groove, the edge flanges received in complementary recesses defined in the support surface when the clamping arm is in said clamping position.

21-23. (Cancelled)